

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 2, 16-25 and 29-30. Claims 2 and 16-25 have been amended to depend on claim 29 which the Examiner has allowed along with claim 30. These claims have also been amended to improve their form. Claims 1 and 28 have been canceled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

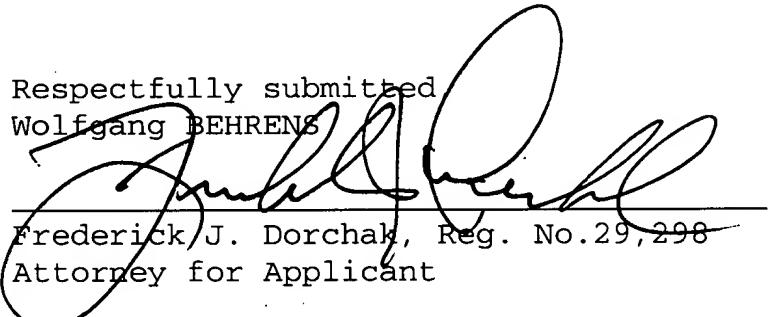
Claims 29 and 30 were allowed; however, the remaining claims were rejected on the basis of the previously cited *Drefahl U.S. Patent No. 4,534,142* for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Specifically claims 1, 18, 25, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Drefahl* and claims 2, 3, and 16-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Drefahl*.

In response, without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in order to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 28 and has amended claims 2 and 16-25 to depend on claim 29. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims, namely claims 29 and 30, and dependent claims 2 and 16-25 are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 2 and 16-25 have been amended and claims 1 and 28 have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

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